



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia's men and women have long served in our country's military, honorably and valiantly, to preserve America's freedom and democracy, often risking – and many giving – their lives on the battlefield; and
- WHEREAS: According to national and state historical data, from the Revolutionary War to present day, over 18,800 Georgians have been held as prisoners of war with more than 2,630 having died in captivity and over 1,400 still unaccounted for; and
- WHEREAS: On POW/MIA Recognition Day, we acknowledge with respect and deep reverence the brave Americans who were held in captivity and those whose fates have never been resolved, remembering that their families continue to suffer; and
- WHEREAS: In defending American ideals, let us remember these Georgians who were prisoners of war and suffered the indignities and brutality of captivity. Georgia commends and endorses the national commitment to account for those still missing from our nation's wars; and
- WHEREAS: We must never forget the profound and painful suffering of Georgia families who continue to wait for word about the recovery of a loved one still unaccounted for and considered missing in action; and
- WHEREAS: On Friday, September 15, 2017, we pause to remember all former American prisoners of war who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity as well as all Americans still listed as missing in action and whose fate is still undetermined; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, as POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia in recognition of those Georgians who became prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action, and encourage Georgia citizens to fly the POW/MIA flag.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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